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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC; US PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON MIRZA SAMAH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JULY 21 AND DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A AGAIN URGED AFGHAN SUPPORT IN GENEVA SESSION OF 61ST ECOSOC OF US PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP OF DRAFT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTROL ILLICIT PAYMENTS. AS IN APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL B, SAMAH AGAIN REACTED FAVORABLY, NOTING THAT AFGHAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON SUBJECT BEFORE DEPARTURE AND CARRIED TEXT OF US PROPOSAL IN THEIR BACKGROUND PAPERS. HE ALSO UNDERTOOK TO BRING THE REQUEST TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MOST SENIOR LEVELS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, COMMUNICATION BETWEEN

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AFGHAN MINISTRIES AND DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCES IS DIFFICULT, OR NON-EXISTENT, ONCE THE DELEGATIONS HAVE DEPARTED KABUL AND, THE HEAD OF DELEGATION DOES NOT USUALLY EXPECT, NOR SEEK, GUIDANCE FROM HIS CAPITAL ONCE THE CONFERENCE HAS BEGUN. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT THE US DELEGATION ATTEMPT DIRECTLY TO INFLUENCE VOTING OF AFGHAN DELEGATION. LEADER OF AFGHAN GROUP IS AMBASSADOR ABDUR RAHMAN RAZHWAK, CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, AND ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR AND INFLUENTIAL OFFICERS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND, INDEED, IN THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT. GIVEN THE FACT THAT IRAN IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD OUT INITIATIVE, THE AFGHANS ARE LIKELY TO BE ALSO.

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